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SUBJECT: FRENCH AND TURKISH RESPONSES TO US SUGGESTION
FOR DECLARATION

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH WHITE HOUSE CHANNELS A
FRENCH RESPONSE TO THE US SUGGESTION THAT THE HEADS OF
DELEGATION AT NATO SUMMIT ISSUE A DECLARATION.

2. RESPONSE INDICATED THAT PARIS IS NOT RPT NOT
PREPARED TO SEE DECLARATION DRAFTING EFFORT PROCEED AT
THIS TIME. ALTHOUGH FRENCH SUGGEST THAT DRAFTING COULD
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LIKELY RESOLVE SOME FRENCH PROBLEMS, THEY ARE PHILOSOPHIC-
ALLY NOT INCLINED IN PRINCIPLE TOWARDS A DECLARATION.
THEY SUGGEST THAT SOME THOUGHTS IN US DRAFT DECLARATION
COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO NATO COMMUNIQUE AND THAT 30TH
ANNIVERSARY MINISTERIAL SESSION NEXT SPRING MIGHT BE
APPROPRIATE TIME TO ISSUE A DECLARATION.

3. TURKS HAVE ALSO INFORMED US THAT THEY CANNOT SUBSCRIBE TO DECLARATION AS DRAFTED. THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT TONE OF DECLARATION WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE "STRONG AND CHALLENGING" AND THUS NOT IN KEEPING WITH STAKE TURKEY NOW HAS IN DETENTE IN LIGHT OF LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON

HER MILITARY STRENGTH. TURKS DO NOT ADDRESS QUESTION OF WHETHER DECLARATION SHOULD BE RE-DRAFTED TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR VIEWS.

4. WE PREFER TO HAVE REACTIONS OF OTHER ALLIES BEFORE DECIDING ON NEXT STEPS. AT WEDNESDAY MORNING DISCUSSION, THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD ESSENTIALLY BE IN LISTENING MODE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING SPECIFIC REASONING FROM ALLIES WHETHER THEY ARE RECOMMENDING LANGUAGE CHANGES OR DROPPING THE EXERCISE ALTOGETHER. WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHETHER VIEWS EXPRESSED AT YOUR MEETING ARE ON BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS; WHERE INSTRUCTIONS ARE LACKING YOU SHOULD REQUEST INSTRUCTED VIEWS SOONEST.

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